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## TRUTH.

For one thing only I would pray and plead,  
Give me the truth,  
Though strength should falter and though heart  
should bleed, I'll ask for truth.  
I would not ask that blessings great be shed  
Upon me here;  
But oh, I plead the path of truth to tread  
Without a fear.  
I'd give the rarest, richest gems for truth,  
The all in all;  
For he who firmly binds himself to truth  
Shall never fall.

—Selected.

## PLANNING.

Are you planning? Planning for what? To attend the annual conference to be held at Newtor, N. C., July 7 to 16. Why, that is a long time off yet! Yes, it's sometime yet; but Franklin has said that "Time enough is always little enough." Everything of any consequence ever done has been through careful and persistent planning; and it is not one moment too soon to begin to plan for this most important gathering. And now, what are you planning to do about this matter? There is only one thing to do, plan to come.

Do you remember how when you were young you carefully planned to do something that your heart was much set upon? Even though it seemed to be an impossibility, it was accomplished by earnestness and perseverance. Are we as earnest in our desire to serve the dear Lord, and to be prepared to do the most acceptable work as we were to do our own will? I cannot at this writ-

ing say what laborers will be present from abroad. One thing we may be sure of, the Spirit of our God has promised to meet with us. This is the most important worker of any, and we have that assurance now. Begin planning at once, if you have not already.

T. H. JEYS,

Pres. N. C. Conference.

## HOW MAY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AVOID ILL-ASSORTED MARRIAGES?

(Continued from last month.)

2. Maintain a proper reserve in your associations. The world's standard is a variable, inconsistent and untrustworthy one to follow. While to one who has tasted the bitter drugs of sin and wickedness, who has been caught in the snare of Satan and writhes in the agony of woe, the world may be severe and exacting, yet upon one who is treading the pathway of sin, she turns an indulgent eye. When the woman was brought to Jesus, He recognized and hated the sin, but He also recognized and loved the sinner. Shun the very appearance of evil. There is a reason for many of the prevailing customs which you may not discover at first sight. Have a care how you break down the barriers of reserve. You may have need of all the help you can get from the formalities.

3. Do not consent to think of love or marriage till you have reached a proper age. Many a young girl has taken a step in her teens for which she has paid dearly in years of hopeless regret. Many a boy's choice at twenty looks undesirable at thirty. Boy and girl courtships rarely end in satisfactory results. Youth is the time for preparation. Do not be handicapped by a youthful, love-sick sentiment. Wait until your judgment is more mature.

4. Take God into your counsels. I have assumed that I am writing for Christian youth. If you have ever prayed about other things, do not fail to pray that God will direct you in this the most important choice of life. Let your parent's wishes be regarded. They will not willingly advise you in a course that will bring unhappiness. In studying the happiness of others you will not lessen your own. It is the desire of the Father in heaven that His children be contented, satisfied, and happy. Commit your ways unto Him, and He will bring it to pass.

T. H. J.

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS. NO. 5.

### Disposition of First-Fruits.

In Numbers 18:8-19 we have the directions which God gave to Moses concerning the offering of the first-fruits. It was to be given exclusively to the priest, while the tithe was given

to priests and Levites both. Without doubt the ordained ministers to-day correspond to the priest in the old dispensation, and those offerings which were devoted to the priest then should now be given to the minister. The first-fruit did not simply include the "first ripe," but included also some of the *best* of the increase. (See verse 12) Christ is said to have been the "first-fruits of them that slept." Not that He was the first in point of time to rise from the dead, but he was the best, and was therefore called the first-fruits from the dead. It seems to be left wholly with each individual to decide how much he shall give as a first-fruit offering. We are simply told to give "All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat . . . and whatsoever is first ripe in the land." All this is included in the offering of the first-fruit.

And when these offerings are faithfully brought forth, and we no longer rob God by withholding them, His promised blessing is sure to follow. How much better it would be if God's people would follow His ways rather than try to devise some human plan, which at the best can be but a poor substitute.

In the last verses of Malachi are these significant words: "Remember ye the law of Moses, my servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments." When we as a people will do this, there will be no more a lack of funds with which to carry on the work; and it is with an earnest prayer as these words are penned, that they may inspire an earnest desire to "ask for the old paths," and cause us to walk therein.

J. O. JOHNSTON.

IN MEMORIAM.

Sister Amelia Shireman was born in Ohio, May 3, 1839, and died at her home in Hildebran, N. C., March 24, 1905, having lived 65 years, 10 mo. and 21 days. She was married to Daniel T. Shireman April 17, 1857, and they both embraced present truth in the winter of 1857 and 58. They had no sooner accepted the message than they became active missionaries, doing most of their work on the self-supporting basis. During all the years of self-sacrificing labor in the cause they loved, Sister Shireman was a full sharer with her husband in his efforts. The disease which caused her death was pronounced to be cancer of the stomach, and she was a great sufferer during the last five months of her life. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Albert Carey assisted by the writer, who spoke comforting words from Rev. 14:13, the text chosen by the deceased. Dear Father Shireman, though suffering keenly the loss of earthly companionship, is sustained by the blessed hope.

J. O. JOHNSTON.

IN THE FIELD.

During the month of March I have held meetings at Spero and also at Providence. I went to Spero March 8. I had been there earlier in the winter, and had been cordially invited to return at a more propitious time. We were given to understand that we might hope for the use of the church that stands practically unused in the neighborhood; but for reasons known perhaps best to himself, the minister in charge forbade the trustees to use the building for

our meetings. The school house was readily given for use, and most of the services were held in it and in the homes of people. No great interest was seen. There were a few that came regularly to the meetings.

March 25 I began meeting at Providence, N. C. Thus far the interest and attendance has been fair. I hope to be able so to speak and do that some dear souls may see the light and walk therein. Our constant, daily prayer should be, Lord, send forth the laborers into the harvest. We ourselves should be aroused to greater diligence. T. H. J.

A REVIVAL.

God has said that "the canvassing work is to be revived," and we believe it. To this end we are to have a three weeks' institute at Newton, N. C., beginning June 9. At this writing I can give only a partial outline of the studies to be pursued: Bible, vocal music, subscription book study, reading, writing and spelling. We have the promise of the assistance of Bro. C. J. Dart, State Agent of South Carolina. He has had much experience in the book work, and will be able to give us substantial help. Elder T. H. Jeys will be with us, and will have charge of the instruction in Bible and music. But best of all, the Great Teacher will be present. Schools for workers were held in the days of Samuel and Elijah, called "schools of the prophets" (See "Patriarchs and Prophets," pp. 558, 559. Please read the entire chapter) The chief studies of these schools were the Law of God, sacred history, sacred music

and poetry. We are planning to make our institute after this divine order.

Now, brethren and sisters one and all, we invite your hearty cooperation in making this school a success. We ask you to pray that God may have His way, and that much lasting good may result. The Lord willing, I will visit our churches, companies, and isolated Sabbath-keepers in the interest of the canvassing work, during the first half of the month of May. It is none too early for those who expect to come to begin to plan. I especially request those who intend coming to write to me at least two weeks before June 9. Our Captain never lost a battie, and knowing this we press on full of courage. Thank the Lord, "the canvassing work is to be revived;" and let all the people say, Amen. Yours in the good work,

H. G. MILLER, *State Agent*.  
Mooresville, N. C.

**SOME EXPERIENCES IN CANVASSING.**

For a time during the past winter I did not have any place in which to hold meetings; and desiring to get the truth before the people in some way, I turned my attention to the canvassing work. I can say that I am quite well pleased with the effort, as I succeeded in getting acquainted with the people to some extent, and of placing a goodly number of books in their homes.

As I was coming from my work one rainy evening, I noticed four men under an awning. After passing I was impressed to go back and canvass them for "Com-

ing King;" but it was raining very hard, and I continued on my way for nearly a block. But the impression grew stronger. I turned and started back, and as I was going, I was made to know that it would not be in vain. I gave my canvass and received an order from each one of the four. One of them told me afterward that he would not take \$5.00 for his book if he could not replace it.

While I was delivering a book to one man, the married daughter came to the door while we were talking, and looking at the book, said: "I have one of those books and have been offered \$3.00 for it; but did not know where I could get another, so refused to sell it." An undertaker talking with me about the "Coming King" said that if he could not replace it, \$5.00 would not buy it. A restaurant man said he supposed it was like all other books, and he did not think he cared for it; but after taking it he says, "That's a fine book; it's well worth the price."

As I write these lines I wonder if our own people appreciate these books as others do. Our books and papers should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home, to be studied for the message that they contain, and then loaned to the neighbors. In order to remain in the truth to the end we must get acquainted with it, and keep up with it. The light is growing brighter as we near the end. New questions are arising; new denominations are springing up. The end is near; this we must know in our hearts.

It will cost something to get the publications and obtain this knowledge, but on the other hand think what it will cost to lose eternal life. The Lord tells us to "buy the truth and sell it not." We must be fitted up for heaven. We understand that at the last, while many will leave the truth, others will accept it and be saved. May God help us better to appreciate the saving message.

W. H. ARMSTRONG.

**THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.**

I very much desire to see a good attendance at this most important gathering. There are many reasons why it should be so. The work is that which the Lord has said is to rise; and if we expect to have a share in the blessing, we should be prepared to rise with it. I call upon our church elders, Sabbath school superintendents, and teachers, and our brethren and sisters generally, to see to it that those who can do so, are encouraged to come to this institute, that they may there receive the help needed to enable them to go out into the highways and hedges with the great invitation. Every provision that can be made will be arranged for the successful carrying on of this school. Board will be furnished at exact cost, and then an opportunity will be given to earn that. Could anything be fairer? A goodly number should be present. I hope it may be so. Remember the place and date, Newton, N. C., June 9 to 30.

T. H. J.

**CANVASSING REPORT.**

(For February, 1905.)

	Hs	Value Ord.	Value Del.	Helps.
H. G. Miller . . . . .	110	\$ 28 25	\$ 57 70	\$3 65
R. L. Underwood . . . . .	98	38 00	57 40	6 75
Total, . . . . .	217	\$ 66 25	\$115 10	\$10 40

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**NEWS AND NOTES.**

Again Brother George Crawford writes concerning the work at Cove Creek very encouragingly: "The school closed in a prosperous condition. The Sunday school attendance increases with the approach of spring. The Lord is blessing us every day."

Elder D. T. Shireman spent Sunday, March 26, at Eufola. The Lord is wonderfully sustaining him in his severe trial, and he is still planning for aggressive work. He expects to be at Toluca now for some time. His permanent address is Hildebran.

We were glad to receive a letter recently from a former N. C., worker, Bro. Luther Woodall. He had nearly completed the commercial course at the Graysville Training School, fitting him for his duties as Conference Secretary of Georgia. He, with his wife, expects to go to Atlanta in May.

The school at Eufola, in charge of Sister Florence Spring, closed last week, after a successful term of nearly five months. The patrons of the school are very much pleased with the progress made by the children, and all regret that Sister Spring and her husband feel that duty calls them home. They left here for St. Joseph, Mo., April 3.

The little company at Newbern, though young in the faith, are making good progress it seems. They have been distributing "An Appeal to the Clergy," creating quite an interest among some of the ministers. They report for the past quarter 94 missionary visits and 34 Bible readings.

Bro. Frank Paul and wife (*nee* Nanrie Smit) have returned to this State, Brother Paul having finished the nurses' course at the B. C. Sanitarium. They will remain for a time at Highlands, the home of Brother Paul's parents, expecting to go into the work as the way may open.

Brother and Sister L. G. Wagner have recently settled in Cincinnati, where they expect to remain for some time. Brother Wagner travels for an Eastern firm, while Sister Wagner will open treatment rooms at No. 2617 Gilbert Ave.—*Welcome Visitor.*

Bro. Arthur Wolf, who has been a helper during the past winter at the Nashville Publishing House, has gone to Graysville with the intention of working his way through the Training School.

Bro. Burton Church writes from Hickory: "The school attendance for March will average about twelve. Nearly all are boys. They beg for a longer term."

**COME TO THE CAMP-MEETING.**

A word to our brethren in North Carolina through the MESSENGER may be timely. The time for our camp-meeting will

soon be here. Why not begin *now* to lay our plans to be there? Will not every member try to be present for the opening hymn, and remain to the close? Will you not talk this over in your homes, and begin to lay aside something, so you will not come empty handed? Let us think, and plan, and *act.*

D. T. SHIREMAN.

**ATTENTION!**

A blue cross opposite this paragraph is a sign that your subscription is past due, and that you are invited to send in the price of the paper at once. Of course it is a small sum, but in the aggregate it amounts to our income. We are obliged to publish our little paper at a small loss, even when all remit promptly. Will you not therefore help us in these two ways: (1) Send in your subscription promptly; (2) try to get another subscription to send with your own? We feel sure that there are many who intend to renew, but simply wait till some other time. Now, go *just now* and attend to this matter before you forget again. Postage stamps accepted. T. H. J.

**Tithe Receipts for March, 1905.**

Archdale . . . . .	\$22.95
Eufola . . . . .	35 16
Greensboro No. 1. . . . .	7 01
Greensboro No. 2. . . . .	6 52
Hildebran . . . . .	47.01
Hickory . . . . .	4 52
Newbern . . . . .	1.60
Salisbury . . . . .	1.00
Winston-Salem . . . . .	7.50
Waynesville . . . . .	3.25
Wilmington . . . . .	4.75
Individuals . . . . .	6 05

Total, . . . . . \$147.32  
\$175.00 of the amount credited to individuals in our report for December, 1904, should have been credited to Hildebran, as coming from M. A. Knohl.  
JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, *Treasurer.*